

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

The Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application with the listing of claims currently provided. Claim 102, 168 and 169 were amended. Claims 176-178 are new.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the present application under 35 U.S.C. §121 as allegedly disclosing 16 independent and distinct sequences for examination. As SEQ ID NO: 1, 2 and 30 were previously examined, the Examiner has required the Applicants to select seven additional sequences. The Applicants elect to prosecute Examiner's SEQ ID NO: 29, 90, 91, 92, 93, 191-202 of SEQ ID NO: 2 and 187-203 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and the Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to issue a Notice to that effect. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to call the undersigned agent. Please use Deposit Account 01-0885 for the payment of any extension of time fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 or any other fees due in connection with the current response.

Respectfully submitted,

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